

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2749

February 17, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires high school seniors beginning in the 2010-2011 school year to pass a one-semester course in personal finance to receive a regular high school diploma

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$931,000

Increase Local Expenditures - \$399,000*

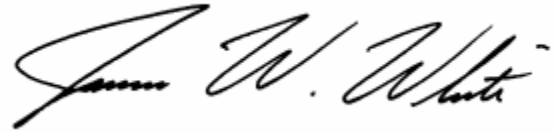
Assumptions:

- The State Board of Education approved new curriculum standards on January 25, 2008 effective for the freshman class of 2009-10. One requirement of the new curriculum is that all students shall pass a finance course to receive a high school diploma. Steps are currently being taken to implement this change on the local and state level for the 2011-12 school year.
- According to the Department of Education, early implementation for the class of 2011 will require 35 new teachers to be hired.
- The BEP standard salary for new teachers is approximately \$38,000. This cost is split between the state and local government with a 70 percent BEP state share and 30 percent local match.
- Total cost for 35 new teachers will be \$1,330,000 (35 x \$38,000). Total increase in local expenditures will be approximately \$399,000 (\$1,330,000 x 30 percent). Total increase in state expenditures will be approximately \$931,000 (\$1,330,000 x 70 percent).

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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